

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 VIENTI 01623 120457Z
ACTION EA-12

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-05 H-01
INR-07 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01 PRS-01 SP-02
SS-15 USIA-06 CPR-01 IO-13 /085 W
-----015538 120459Z /20

R 120405Z DEC 77
FM AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 8793
INFO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK
AMEMBASSY CANBERRA
AMEMBASSY PARIS
AMCONSUL HONG KONG
CINCPAC

C O N F I D E N T I A L VIENTIANE 1623

CINCPAC FOR POLAD

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PDIP LA AU
SUBJ: TWO AUSTRALIAN DIPLOMATS DETAINED BY LAO AUTHORITIES

REF: VIENTIANE 1587

1. TWO AUSTRALIAN DIPLOMATS WERE DETAINED BY LAO
AUTHORITIES ON THE EVENING OF DECEMBER 10 AFTER THE TWO
DROVE BEYOND THE POSTED LIMIT FOR FOREIGNERS TRAVELING
ON THE PAKSANE ROAD. THE DIPLOMATS HAD GONE OUT IN
SEARCH OF AN AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY VEHICLE AND ITS LAO
DRIVER WHICH HAD EARLIER SET OUT FOR A POINT BEYOND THE
LIMIT AND HAD FAILED TO RETURN.

2. ONE AUSTRALIAN DIPLOMAT WAS RELEASED AFTER ABOUT
FOUR HOURS DETENTION, AND THE SECOND WAS RELEASED
SHORTLY THEREAFTER UPON THE INTERVENTION OF THE
AUSTRALIAN AMBASSADOR. AT THIS POINT, THE AUSTRALIAN
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 VIENTI 01623 120457Z

VEHICLE AND ITS LAO DRIVER HAVE NOT BEEN RELEASED.

3. THE AUSTRALIAN AMBASSADOR REPORTEDLY TOLD THE
BRITISH AMBASSADOR THAT HE WAS NOT INCLINED TO LODGE A
"STRONG" PROTEST OVER THE INCIDENT.
CORCORAN

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: DETENTION, DIPLOMATIC PERSONNEL, TRAVEL CONTROLS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Sent Date: 12-Dec-1977 12:00:00 am
Decaption Date: 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 22 May 2009
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1977VIENTI01623
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D770461-0477
Format: TEL
From: VIENTIANE
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1977/newtext/t19771264/aaaaccib.tel
Line Count: 61
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: bac2c305-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION EA
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 77 VIENTIANE 1587
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 11-Feb-2005 12:00:00 am
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 265073
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: TWO AUSTRALIAN DIPLOMATS DETAINED BY LAO AUTHORITIES
TAGS: PDIP, LA, AU
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odb://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/bac2c305-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
22 May 2009
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009